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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS on June 22 1943 our heroic allies of the Soviet Union will enter their third year of the fiercest sustained warfare the world as ever seen; and

WHEREAS in the two years since their land was first invaded the Red Army and the Russian people have, in the words of our President, 'destroyed more armed power of our enemies than all the other United Nations put together'; and

WHEREAS the magnificent achievements of our Russian allies have been of inestimable value to the cause in which we, too, are fighting, and beyond question have saved the lives of countless American soldiers against whom the Nazi legions on the Russian front would now be arrayed; and

WHEREAS it is eminently appropriate and in the American tradition that on June 22 the American people should pay public tribute to such gallant and effective allies:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M Q SHARPE, as Governor of the State of South Dakota, in cooperation with a special committee of Russian War Relief, Inc., do hereby proclaim and set aside Tuesday, June 22 1943, as

TRIBUTE TO RUSSIA DAY

and do call upon the citizens of South Dakota to give practical effect to this proclamation by participating in meetings to be held on that day in honor of the Russian people and their armed forces, by addressing resolutions and letters of tribute to our allies through Russian War Relief, and by renewing in our hearts our national resolution to fight side by side with our allies until freedom and the rights of men are guaranteed for all peoples.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the state of South Dakota to be affixed at Pierre, the Capital, this FOURTH day of JUNE 1943.

ATTEST:

Mrs L M Larsen
Secretary of State

M Q Sharpe
Governor